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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Nationalist China's Order of Battle

Army

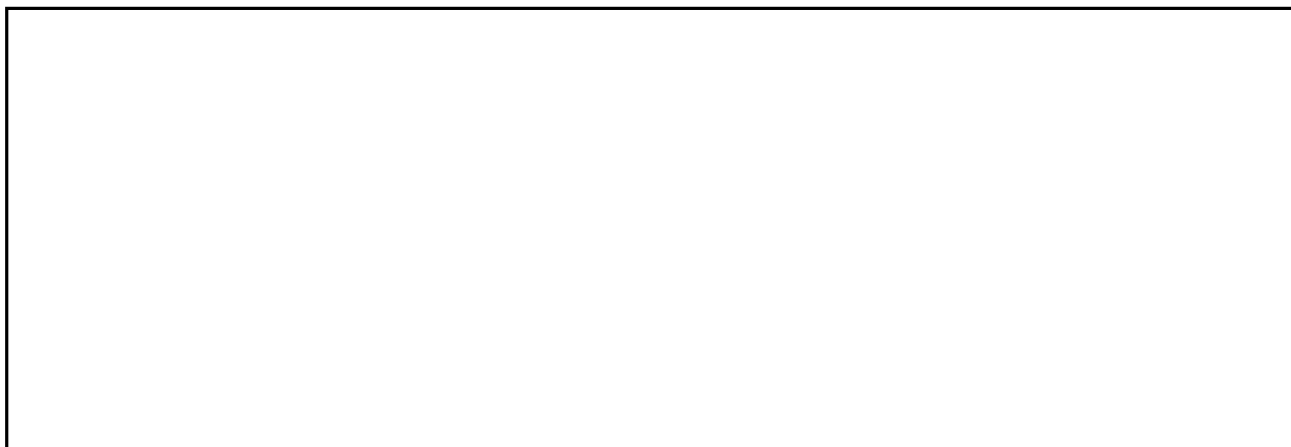
1. The strength of the Chinese Nationalist Army is approximately 410,000. The army is organized into two field armies, six corps, 15 reorganized 10,000-man "Forward Look" infantry divisions, 6 3,000-man light infantry divisions, 2 light armored divisions, 1 airborne infantry regiment, a special forces command, 2 surface-to-air guided missile battalions (1 Nike Hercules, full-strength; 1 Hawk, cadre), and a separate logistics support command.

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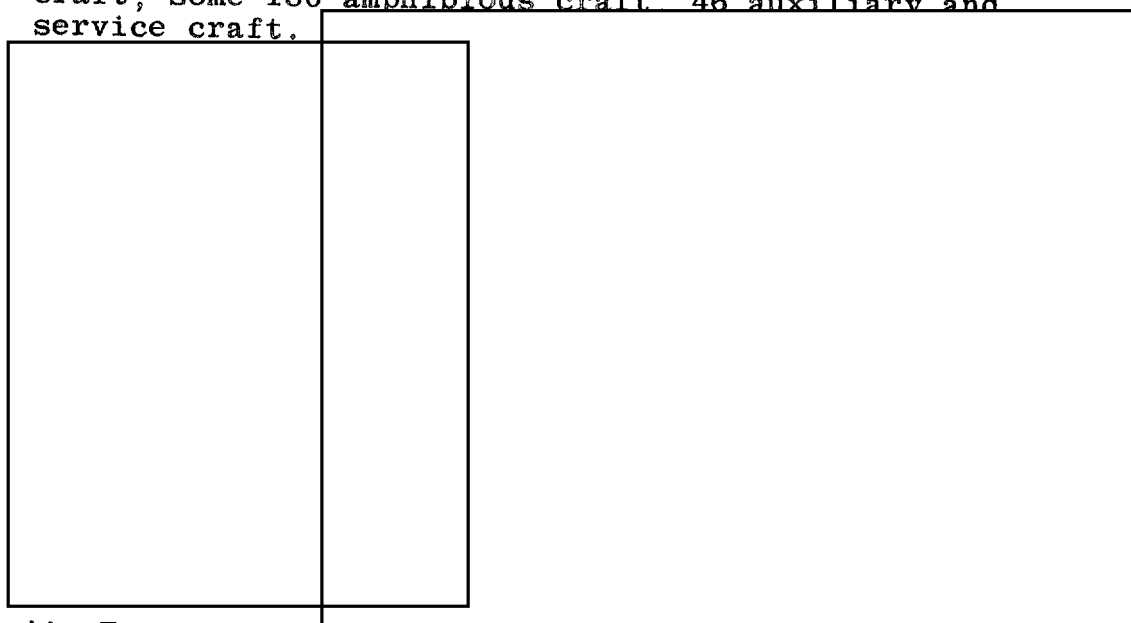
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Navy

4. The operating forces of the Nationalist Navy consist of about 275 ships--4 destroyers, 5 destroyer escorts, 31 patrol craft, 10 mine warfare craft, some 180 amphibious craft, 46 auxiliary and service craft.



Air Force

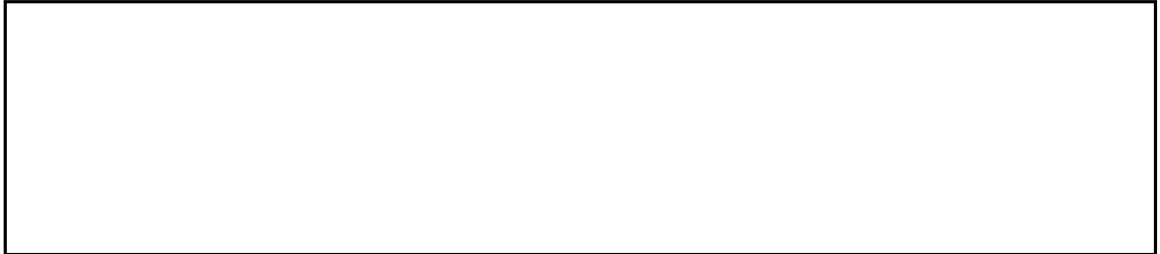
6. The Chinese Nationalist Air Force is organized into 15 fighter squadrons, 2 reconnaissance squadrons and 7 transport squadrons. The aircraft inventory includes 281 F-86, 83 F-100, 22 F-104 jet fighters, 20 jet reconnaissance aircraft, and 128 transports. The Nationalist Air Force is considered the strongest non-Communist Asian air force and demonstrated in 1958 its ability to defend Taiwan under daylight conditions. Nearly all

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fighter units are combat ready, but there is an insufficient number of all-weather fighters.

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7. The personnel strength of the air force is about 89,000 including some 2,100 trained pilots. These pilots are highly proficient, have high morale, and are considered capable of fulfilling their primary mission of aerial defense of Taiwan.

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